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Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested in
view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-19.

Please add the following claims:

Claim 20. A process for preparing stable and reusable biosensing
granules useful in assessing biodegradability of an effluent, said process
comprises the steps of:

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- i. culturing active aerobic microbial consortia in a synthetic growth
media,
 - ii. separating the active aerobic microbial consortia from the synthetic
media,

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